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REPORT
OF THE
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH,
FOR THE YEAR 1925.

WAKEFIELD ;
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STANLEY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

HEALTH COMMITTEE.

December 31st, 1925.

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Urban District Council of Stanley (Yorkshire).

Report of the Medical Officer of Health

FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1925.

To the Sanitary Committee.

GENTLEMEN.

I have the honour to present to you my Report upon the Health and Sanitary condition of the District under your control for the year ending 31st December, 1925, and also a survey of the work which has been accomplished during the period 1921—1925.

POPULATION.—The population has been estimated to have been 15,200 on the 30th June, 1925.

BIRTHS.—During the year 150 male and 180 female births were registered in the District, and there were no outward or inward transfers—making a total of 330.

ILLEGITIMACY —Of these births, six males and six females were illegitimate.

THE BIRTH RATE.—The Birth rate was 21·9 per 1,000 of the population.

The Birth rate for England and Wales was 18·3 per 1,000.

Do.	105 Great Towns	was 18·8	„
Do.	157 Smaller Towns	was 18·3	„
Do.	London	was 18·0	„

DEATHS.—During the year 1925, 150 deaths were registered in the District.

Of these eight were of persons temporarily residing in our District and are consequently transferred to their own Areas.

During the same period 39 of our residents died outside our Area and are of course debited to us. Thus making the nett total of the Stanley District 94 males and 87 females, a grand total of 181 deaths.

THE DEATH RATE.—The Death Rate was 11·9 per 1,000 inhabitants.

The Death Rate of England and Wales was 12·2 per 1,000.

Do.	105 Great Towns	„	12·2	„
Do.	157 Smaller Towns	„	11·2	„
Do.	London	„	11·7	„

This Rate of ours, while it is not quite as good as that of 1924, still compares very well with the general Rates.

INFANTILE MORTALITY.—There were 36 deaths of children under one year of age. Of these 22 were males and 14 were females.

These figures include one male and one female who were illegitimate.

This is at the rate of 109 deaths per 1,000 registered births. In 1924 our figure was 89 In 1923 it was 116·2 and in 1922 it was 87·3.

The similar rate for England and Wales is 75 per 1,000 births.

Do.	105 Great Towns	„	79	„	„
Do.	157 Smaller Towns	„	74	„	„
Do.	London	„	67	„	„

This is very disheartening, as the Rate is falling in most other places. The figures speak for themselves.

The Death Rate per 1,000 registered births of children under two years of age from Diarrhoea and Enteritis was 21·2.

The general Death Rates were as follows (from same cause) :—

England and Wales	...	8·4	per 1,000 births.
105 Large Towns	...	10·9	„ „
157 Smaller Towns	...	7·8	„ „
London	...	10·6	„ „

One can scarcely understand this because our scavenging and general sanitary arrangements have been so greatly improved. But one must remember that in an instance like this the deaths of three infants more than doubles the rate. It must be put down to either flies or feeding, and as the privy midden disappears the flies will cease to trouble. As to feeding, only education of the Parents can tell.

The Neo-Natal Mortality (that is the mortality during the first month of life) was 51·5 per 1,000 registered births. This is a rise on the figures of 1924.

On consideration of these figures it will be easily seen that while the infantile mortality of England and Wales, the towns quoted and London, is very much the same as 1924, or, at all events, not higher, ours is decidedly higher. This will have to receive attention.

Now to consider the causes. Premature birth, Malformation, &c., top the list, as usual, with a total of 15. Pneumonia gives us 9. Enteritis and Diarrhœa 7. Other causes 5. Total 36.

Surely the bulk of this is preventable and, at the risk of tiring you, I am going to repeat my observations in my report on the year 1924, which I consider even more apropos now than then. "But, surely, Premature Birth, Pneumonia, Bronchitis, and Diarrhœa, &c., are preventable, and it is in this direction that our efforts should be exerted. Good as is the work of the Clinics, I cannot but think that the appointment of one or more special health visitors in addition to those already provided by the County Council, of mature age and good qualifications, possessing tact, and a large amount of human sympathy—this is essential—would be of the greatest possible service. Another point, in favour of my theory, is that their services would be equally beneficial in pre-natal as in post-natal days—lectures, advice and general care. Delicate as the subject may be, surely in time, prospective young mothers would recognise the benefit of confiding in these, their practically more than mothers, women who should know all the difficulties and pit-falls of pregnancy. It would, of course, depend entirely on getting the right type of visitors. People who could and would enlist the confidence of their patients." So in 1924, and, with another year's experience, even more so in 1925.

With regard to Table 4, it will be observed that there were no deaths from the Fevers or Smallpox. Measles caused only one death. Whooping Cough, 4. Heart Disease, 35. Pneumonia, 30. Cancer, ever increasing, 14; and Tuberculosis, which used to top the list, 8.

I cannot leave this portion of the report without impressing on you, Gentlemen, that housing is still of the utmost importance. Overcrowding, still unpreventable, is very general, however, I know you understand that as well as I do and that you are working as fast as you can to overcome the trouble.

With regard to the water supply. There is still a shortage on the higher levels and a further supply ought to be obtained especially if the conversion of privy middens is to continue at a reasonable rate, and this conversion is urgently required.

There were 17 Inquests held in the District, and 5 in cases where our residents died outside our area.

The Stanley Urban District is situated immediately to the north of the City of Wakefield. The acreage is 4,261.

The population in 1921 was 14,940 and the present estimated population is 15,200. It is distributed generally, the principal centres being Outwood, Stanley, Lofthouse Gate, Wrenthorpe and Bottomboat. The surface undulates very considerably, the highest point (350 ft. O.D.) at Carr Gate in the North West and the lowest (54 ft. O.D.) in the South East in the neighbourhood of Bottomboat.

In the Western part of the Area there is a considerable amount of Coal, and in the Eastern portion a flat of Alluvium and Gravel.

The chief industries are Coal Mining and Agriculture. Amongst other things Rhubarb is grown and forced to a very large extent.

The Railway accommodation is good. The London & North Eastern (G.N. Section) passes through the district. Also the Aire and Calder Canal which is carried over the Calder by a rather notable Aqueduct which is an attraction to visitors.

Trams and Buses run frequently almost in every direction.

The number of inhabited houses in 1921 was 2,962. In 1925 it is 3,153. During the five years 60 houses were built by the Council and 131 by private enterprise.

Overcrowding is still general but the Council have in hand schemes for 1926 which will greatly help this. In fact some are in progress now.

Apart from overcrowding and old property the only insanitary factor is the emanation from pit refuse hills (on fire). This is a constant source of trouble. One of the chief difficulties in dealing with this matter being the fact that the livelihood of a large number

of the inhabitants depends upon these mines, and, while in theory the extinguishing is fairly simple, it is in fact, given a low seam, a matter (financially) of either putting out the fires or closing down. At all events, as much is generally done, as is possible and I do not think a very great nuisance with regard to health exists.

HOSPITALS, &c.—Tuberculosis is generally dealt with by the West Riding County Council, who provide Sanatoria and T.B. Clinics, the one in Wakefield City being very accessible. They also provide T.B. Visitors. Children's clinics also exist in Stanley and Outwood. General Hospital accommodation is provided at Clayton Hospital, Wakefield (City). Leeds Infirmary is also much used.

There is a combine Smallpox Hospital (The Cardigan) at Carr Gate. This is at present lent to the West Riding County Council and is used as a Sanatorium. In fact there has never been a Smallpox case in it. The arrangement is as follows:—The first six cases are to be treated at Sherburn-in-Elmet, near Selby, after that the Cardigan is to be handed over and resumes its first intended use.

I have not yet had to vaccinate in the District, as in the first place there has been no occasion, and the Public Vaccinator has been always ready to carry out the operation.

The Fever cases are treated at Carr Gate Fever Hospital. This is fully equipped, the staff consisting of Matron, Sister and six Nurses, with proper number of Wardmaids and Servants, and two Porters. A Motor Ambulance is kept.

A supply of Antitoxin is kept here which is at the service of the medical men in the District when they ask for it.

The notification in the District is good, mostly (in the first case) by telephone. There is no difficulty in removal, as can be seen in Table 2, as practically all cases are removed.

Disinfection is carried out with Alformant Lamps and Spray, and I have not up to the present been able to locate a return case.

The Schick and Dick tests have not as yet been used, nor has the new Scarlet Antitoxin been used as yet.

All Pathological and Bacteriological specimens are sent to the County Hall and examined and reported upon by the County Officials. Their services are made a most extensive use of.

The Sanatoria are in the hands of the County Authorities. The notification is good, and every case is tabulated in card index by me and followed throughout its course. Disinfection is carried out on removal to fresh residence or Sanatorium and also, of course, in case of death. I append two Tables - one (page 13) which shows the numbers and ages of patients notified during 1925, and also of deaths, which also differentiate between male and female and pulmonary and non-pulmonary cases.

VENEREAL DISEASE.—A Clinic has been arranged by the County Council at Clayton Hospital, Wakefield City, and this is situated quite close to our border, and is easily accessible by either train or tram. Leeds General Infirmary also treats a few cases arising in our District.

MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE.—Instruction and inspection of Midwives and all coming under this heading is carried out by the West Riding County Council. They have instituted two Clinics in the District. There are also three registered Midwives.

WATER SUPPLY.—Has been dealt with in the first part of the Report (page 4). There is as stated a shortage.

DRAINAGE.—In 1921 Ferry Lane and Lingwell Gate Lane were the only undrained portion of the District. This work, together with improvements at the Sewage Farm, was carried out during 1923 and 1924.

CLOSET ACCOMMODATION.—A detailed report will be found in Table C. (page 14).

SCAVENGING.—This matter will also be found in Table C. and in the Inspector's Report which is appended.

In conclusion I wish to thank all the Officials and the Members of the Council for their ever ready help.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

J. J. JACKSON.

Table 1.

Stauley Urban District.

Causes of Death in 1925.

CAUSES OF DEATH. (Civilians only.)							MALES.	FEMALES.
All Causes ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	94	87
Measles ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
Whooping Cough..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	2
Tuberculosis of respiratory system ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	5
Other Tuberculous Diseases ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1
Cancer, Malignant Disease ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	8
Rheumatic Fever..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Diabetes ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Cerebral hæmorrhage, &c. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	10
Heart Disease ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	19	16
Arterio sclerosis ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1
Bronchitis ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	2
Pneumonia (all forms) ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	16	14
Ulcer of stomach or duodenum ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Diarrhœa, &c. (under 2 years) ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	4
Appendicitis and typhlitis ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	1
Acute and chronic nephritis ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2
Puerperal Sepsis ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Other accidents and diseases of pregnancy and parturition ...	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Congenital debility and malformation, premature birth ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	10	5
Suicide ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..
Other deaths from violence ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	2
Other Defined Diseases ...	..	..	..	..	..	..	10	7
Total Deaths of Infants under 1 year of age ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	22	14
Do. do. Illegitimate ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1
Total Births ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	150	180
Legitimate Births ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	144	174
Illegitimate Births ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	6
Population (for Births and Deaths) ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	15,200	

Satnley Urban District.

Table 2.—Vital Statistics of the whole district during the year 1925 and previous years.

YEAR.	Population estimated to Middle of each Year.	BIRTHS.			TOTAL DEATHS REGISTERED IN DISTRICT.		TRANSFERABLE DEATHS.		NET DEATHS BELONGING TO THE DISTRICT.			
		Uncor-rected Number	Nett.		Number	Rate.	Non-Residents Registered in the District.	Residents Registered elsewhere.	Under One Year of Age.		At all Ages.	
			Number	Rate.					Number	Rate per 1,000 Registered Births.	Number	Rate per 1,000.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
1917	Birth Rate Death "	337	337	21.7	150	10.9	2	24	39	115.7	174	12.5
1918	Birth Rate Death "	337	337	21.3	248	17.6	8	23	46	133.2	263	18.7
1919	Birth Rate Death "	297	297	19.9	183	12.7	18	28	31	104.3	193	13.4
1920		398	398	26.7	168	11.2	8	23	40	100.5	179	12
1921		397	397	26	177	11.7	13	33	39	98	197	13.1
1922		355	355	22.9	156	10.3	15	43	31	87.3	184	12.2
1923		327	327	21.6	187	12.4	10	26	38	116.2	203	13.4
1924		336	336	22.1	134	8.8	6	26	30	89	154	10.1
1925		330	330	21.9	150	9.8	8	39	36	109	181	11.9

Table 4.

Stanley Urban District Council.

INFANTILE MORTALITY IN 1925.

Nett Deaths from stated causes under one year of age.

CAUSE OF DEATH.				Under 1 Week.	1—2 Weeks.	2—3 Weeks.	3—4 Weeks.	Total under 1 Month.	1—3 Months.	3—6 Months.	6—9 Months.	9—12 Months.	Total under 1 Year.
Premature Birth, Malformation, &c.	..	13	1	1	..	15	..	..	..	..	..	..	15
Pneumonia	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	4	2	9
Enteritis and Diarrhoea	..	..	..	1	..	1	1	1	3	1	1	1	7
Other Causes	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	4	..	5
				14	1	2	..	17	3	4	9	3	36

Table 5.

CARR GATE HOSPITAL, 1925.

	Scarlet Fever.	Diphtheria.	Enteric.	Encephalitis Lethargica	Total.
Ardsey, East and West ...	15	10	—	1	26
Stanley Urban ...	30	6	—	—	36
Wakefield Rural ...	41	13	3	—	57
	86	29	3	1	119

Total 119.

There were only two deaths — one from Diphtheria and one from Enteric—both originating in the Wakefield Rural District.

Table 6.

Number of Cases of Tuberculosis notified during the period
1920-1925, also Deaths.

		NEW CASES.		DEATHS.	
		Pulmonary.	Non-Pulmonary.	Pulmonary.	Non-Pulmonary.
1920	...	6	2	9	3
1921	...	11	1	9	7
1922	...	22	5	19	5
1923	...	16	1	10	4
1924	...	41	9	13	5
1925	...	31	8	8	3
Total	...				

Stanley Urban District Council.

Table 7.

TUBERCULOSIS.

New Cases and Mortality during 1925.

AGE PERIODS.	NEW CASES.				DEATHS.			
	Pulmonary.		Non-Pulmonary.		Pulmonary.		Non-Pulmonary.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
YEARS.								
0 ...		—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1 ...	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
5 ...	2	—	1	2	—	—	1	—
10 ...	1	2	—	1	1	1	1	—
15 ...	4	3	—	—	—	1	—	—
20 ...	3	2	—	—	—	—	—	—
25 ...	1	2	1	1	—	1	—	—
35 ...	5	1	—	1	—	—	—	—
45 ...	2	1	—	—	1	2	—	—
55 ...	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
65 and over	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
TOTALS -	19	12	2	6	3	5	2	1

Stanley Urban District Council.

TABLE C. 1925.

Total No. of Inspections made in 1925, for Nuisances only:—
 420.
 Nuisances reported in 1925 :—54.
 Nuisances in hand, end of 1924 :—24.
 Total needing abatement :—403.
 Abated during 1925 :—378.
 Outstanding end of 1925 :—25.
 Notices served, Informal :—380. Complied with :—378.
 „ „ Statutory :—14. Complied with :—14.
 Total number of Summonses or other legal proceedings :—
 Nil.
 Filthy Houses, Cleansing of :—3.
 Any notices served under Sec. 46 of P.H.A. 1875 (or any
 Act)? Nil.

Regulated Buildings, Trades, &c.	No. in Dis- trict.	No. on Regis- ter.	Total No. of Inspec- tions made.	General Condition.	Legal Proceedings (if any).
Common Lodging Houses	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	—	—
Houses let in Lodgings .	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	—	—
Canal Boats 	Un- known	0	0	No inspection made.	—
Knackers Yards	Nil.	0	0	—	—
Tents, Vans and Sheds .	3	3	9	Fairly good.	—
Offensive Trades (please specify kind).	1	1	4	Fairly good.	—

Have the Council declared any other processes to be offensive
 trades? No.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE—

Developments during 1925?—Nil.

Developments still needed as to (a) Want of sewers :—Nil.

(b) Improvement of defective sewers :—No.

Sewage Disposal Works (a) Any inadequacy :—Yes.

(b) Any complaints :—No.

Any sink wastes still needing disconnection? Yes.

CLOSET ACCOMMODATION—

No. of Privies with open middens :—2.

No. of Pail or Tub Closets :—2.

No. of Privies with covered middens :—1,134.

No. of Water Closets :—1,279. Waste-water Closets :—Nil.

No. of Privies re-constructed during 1925—(a) as w.c.'s :—52 ;
(b) other :—Nil.

No. of *additional* Closets provided for old property in 1925—
(a) w.c.'s :—12 ; (b) other :—Nil.

No. of Closets constructed in 1925 for new houses (a) w.c.'s :—
50 ; (b) other :—Nil.

SCAVENGING—

Any change during 1925 ?—No.

Performed by (a) Council :—Yes ; (b) Contractor :—No ; (c)
Owners or Occupiers :—No.

How is refuse disposed of ? No. of loads to (a) Destructor :—
Nil ; (b) Tips :—3,072 ; (c) Farmers :—5,346. Total annual
cost, £2,162 1s. 1d.

Is there any inadequacy, and where ? No.

Any utilization of waste material ? No.

WATER SUPPLY—

Any developments during 1925 ? No.

Restricted in any way ? No.

Any general insufficiency, and where ?—High districts.

Any action in regard to unsatisfactory quality, and where ?
No.

Any new sources added ? No.

Any disused sources re-used ? No.

MILK SUPPLY—

Are two Registers being kept as required by Section 2 (3) of
the 1922 Milk and Dairies (Amendment) Act ? (a) For Retailers :—
Yes ; (b) For Cow-keepers or Wholesale Traders :—Yes.

Have any Licences been granted under the Milk and Dairies
(Amendment) Act, 1922, to distributors of :—" Certified " Milk—
No ; " Grade A."—No ; " Grade A (Tuberculin Tested) "—No ;
" Grade A. (Pasteurised) "—No ; " Pasteurised "—No.

Have you had samples of Graded Milk tested? Give No. and kind.—No.

Have any retailers been removed from the Register? No.

No. of samples taken by Officers of S.A. for analysis under F. & D. Acts :—Nil; No. adulterated :—Nil.

No. of samples taken by Officers of S.A. for bacteriological examination :—Nil.

What arrangement for periodical Veterinary Inspection of dairy cows? When necessary.

Any instance of disease attributed to milk in 1925? No.

No. of Milk Cows kept in District :—143.

No. of Cowkeepers in district producing and selling milk :—26.

No. Registered :—36.

No. of Retail Milk Sellers who are also Cowkeepers :—26.

No. who are Milk Retailers only :—11.

Total No. of Retail Milk Sellers Registered :—37.

Total No. of Cowsheds :—44.

Total No. of Inspections in 1925 :—132. { Cowkeepers 110.
Retailers 22.

Date of Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops Regulations? 1903.

Any Legal Action? No.

Any Inspection or other action by Districts to which Milk is sent? No.

OTHER FOODS —

No. of samples (other than Milk) taken by Officer of S.A. for examination under the Food and Drugs Acts in 1925 :—Nil.

Any special examination of Milk for Dirt? No.

No. of seizures of unsound food :—6. Kind and quantity :—Beef and Pork, 112 stone. No. of Prosecutions :—Nil.

Any Public Abattoir? No.

What accommodation :—Private Slaughterhouse.

No. of Slaughterhouses :—11. Registered :—11.

Licensed :—Nil. Unsatisfactory, structurally or in bad position? None.

No. of times each Slaughterhouse inspected? 40.

Total Inspections? 440.

No. of Prosecutions (a) Food and Drugs ? Nil ; (b) Unsound Food ? Nil ; (c) *re* Slaughterhouses ? Nil.

Bakehouses ? No. 7. Any underground ? No ; Total No. of Inspections :—14.

SCHOOLS—

No. of Schools in District :—11.

FACTORIES AND WORKSHOPS—

No. of Smoke observations taken :—20 ; No. of Cautions :—4 ; Legal Notices :—Nil ; Summonses :—Nil.

No. of Workshops :—25. No. of times each Workshop inspected :—1. Total inspections :—25.

Any Industrial Welfare Workers appointed ? No.

ADOPTIVE ACTS (in force in District).—

Infectious Diseases (Prevention) Act, 1890 :—Yes.

Public Health Acts (Amendment) Act, 1890 :—Yes.

Do. Do. 1907 :—Yes.

Private Street Works Act, 1892 :—In hand.

Public Health Act, 1925 :—No.

For Rural Districts, any Urban	} None.
Powers obtained in 1925 ...	

BYELAWS AND REGULATIONS (in force in District).—

Cleansing of Footways and Pavements—Date of approval : June, 1909.

Scavenging—Date of approval :—June, 1909.

Prevention of Nuisances—Date of approval :—June, 1909.

Common Lodging Houses—Date of approval :—June, 1919.

New Streets and Buildings—Date of approval :—Oct., 1925.

Alteration of Buildings—Date of approval :—Oct., 1925.

Slaughter Houses—Date of approval :—June, 1909,

Mortuaries—Date of approval :—June, 1909.

Offensive Trades—Date of approval :—June, 1909.

Tents, Vans and Sheds—Date of approval : - June, 1909.

Any relaxation of Bye-laws under Section 24 of Housing and Town Planning Act, 1919 :—No.

INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES—

Diseases specially prevalent in 1925? Scarlet Fever:—86;
Diphtheria:—29. State months:—All year.

Any diseases specially added to notifiable list? No.

Any influences threatening the health of the District? No.

Any undue prevalence of Venereal Diseases? No.

Any prevalence of Jaundice, and at what ages? No.

HOSPITALS AND OTHER INSTITUTIONS.

(a) General: Accident:—Clayton Hospital, Wakefield.
Leeds General Infirmary.

Children:—Leeds Women's and Children's.

(b) Local: Hospital, Cottage:—Nil.

(c) Infections, General:—Carr Gate, Outwood.
Small-pox:—Cardigan, Outwood.

(d) Maternity:—Nil.

Any arrangements for nursing Puerperal Fever cases? Nil,
except at Carr Gate.

(e) Clinic and Treatment Centre not provided by County
Council Scheme:—Nil.

Whether any other disease (*e.g.* Pneumonia) is treated in
Infectious Diseases Hospital:—No.

Any change or extension of (a) General Infectious Hospital?
No (b) Smallpox Hospital:—No.

TUBERCULOSIS—*Procedure by M.O.H. or his Staff after notification:—*

(1) Inspection of patient's home and workshop:—Yes.

(2) Examination for contacts:—Yes.

(3) Is house disinfected?—Yes; When? On removal or
death.

(4) Leaflets, Lectures, etc., distributed:—None.

(5) Action *re* spitting:—None.

(6) Is sputum examined apart from Dispensary? Yes,
At County Hall Laboratory.

(7) Any special procedure adopted in cases of Pulmonary
Tuberculosis with T B. in sputum:—No.

(8) Are the requirements of Tuberculosis Regulations as to
notification observed by general practitioners?
Yes.

BACTERIOLOGY—

(County Laboratory) Any suggestions? No.

INFANT MORTALITY—

Any voluntary Centres for Child or Mother Welfare? No.

Causes of any excessive Infantile Mortality in 1925 :—Premature Birth, Malformation, &c.

Supply of Milk to Mothers and Infants—Any action? At Clinics.

VITAL STATISTICS—

No. of Still Births during 1925 :—Not notified.

Deaths during 1925—(1) Gross Deaths, *i.e.*, Total actually registered in the District *without any correction*—Males 87; Females 181.

MORTUARIES—

What accommodation—(a) for accidents :—nil; (b) for infectious cases other than at hospital :—Nil; (c) For other purposes :—Nil.

Any suggestions made by M.O.H. :—Mortuary.

SANITARY STAFF—

What is the present Annual Salary of the M.O.H.? £100.

Name of Sanitary Inspector :—W. Nuttall.

Annual Salary as Inspector :—£169 and Bonus.

Other appointments held? Cleansing Superintendent, Meat Inspector.

Salary for such other appointments :—Nil.

Any Assistants? Yes.—W. Saxton.

Is Staff sufficient? Yes.

CLINICS—Any Suggestions—

(a) Tuberculosis :—All carried out by W.R. County Council.

(b) Venereal Diseases—How advertised and if any difficulty in reaching nearest :—W.R. County Council.

(c) Child Welfare—Do.

(d) Ante-Natal Do.

(e) School Do.

(f) Dental Do.

(g) Ophthalmic Do.

ANY REMARKS as to -

- (a) Voluntary Agencies for social betterment :—None.
- (b) District Nursing Association :—Yes.
- (c) Any Dispensary :—No.
- (d) Health Visiting (co-operation with local M.O.H.) :—Not yet. Advised.

HOUSING—

See Table D - but please state No. of Certificates given under Increase of Rent (Restriction) Act, 1920, Section 2 (2) :—None.

SPECIAL REPORTS AND INVESTIGATIONS ON ANY SUBJECTS—Nil.

Table D. Stanley Urban Sanitary District. Summary of Housing Work during 1925.

Table showing action under Sections 17 and 18 of the Housing, Town Planning, etc., Act, 1909, Section 28 of the 1919 Act, Section 10 of the 1923 Act, Sections 3, 8, 9, 11, 14, 15, of the Housing Act, 1925, and the Housing (Inspection of District) Regulations, dated September 2nd, 1910, or matters arising therefrom.

Houses with defects not disposed of at end of 1924.	Houses in-pected for defects 'in 1925 under Acts and Regulations.	Houses not reasonably fit. Action under Section 28, 1919; Section 10 of 1923; and Section 1, 1925.	Action under 1 st H. Acts in cages of houses with minor defects not remediable under Section 28, 1919; See 10 of 1923; and Section 1 of 1925.	Houses found to be totally unfit (being houses allocated from Col. 6 under above heading).	Houses closed voluntarily.	Unfit houses remedied without formal notice.	Houses represented to Council for closing orders made.	Houses in respect of which closing orders were made.	Houses closed after service of closing order.	Houses made fit and closing order determined by Council.	Houses demolished voluntarily.	Houses for which demolition orders were made by Council.	Houses demolished compulsorily.	Appeals against Notices under Section 28, 1919, or Section 10, 1923, or Section 3, 1925.	Appeals against closing orders under Section 17, 1909; Section 14 (4), 1923.	Appeals under Section 17 (6), 1909, or Section 11 (6), 1925, refused to determine closing orders.	Appeals against demolition orders Section 18, 1909; Section 14, 1925.	Houses not reasonably fit for habitation, Section 28, 1919, or Section 10, 1923; Section 1, 1925.	Houses (recorded under "Housing" Public Health Acts).	Houses, totally unfit. Sections 9, 11, 14, 1925.													
10	24	Nil	238	158	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	8	Nil
						Houses found with defects (being houses allocated from Col. 6 under above heading).	Houses of this class remedied without formal notice.	Houses in regard to which formal notices were served.	Houses made fit after formal notice.	Houses in respect of which the Council executed or were executing work in default of owner.	Houses in regard to which owner elected to close house instead of complying with notice.	Houses with defects (being houses allocated from Col. 6 under above heading).	Houses remedied without service of formal notice.	Houses in regard to which notices were served.	Houses made satisfactory after formal notice.	Houses found to be totally unfit (being houses allocated from Col. 6 under above heading).	Houses closed voluntarily.	Unfit houses remedied without formal notice.	Houses represented to Council for closing orders made.	Houses in respect of which closing orders were made.	Houses closed after service of closing order.	Houses made fit and closing order determined by Council.	Houses demolished voluntarily.	Houses for which demolition orders were made by Council.	Houses demolished compulsorily.	Appeals against Notices under Section 28, 1919, or Section 10, 1923, or Section 3, 1925.	Appeals against closing orders under Section 17, 1909; Section 14 (4), 1923.	Appeals under Section 17 (6), 1909, or Section 11 (6), 1925, refused to determine closing orders.	Appeals against demolition orders Section 18, 1909; Section 14, 1925.	Houses not reasonably fit for habitation, Section 28, 1919, or Section 10, 1923; Section 1, 1925.	Houses (recorded under "Housing" Public Health Acts).	Houses, totally unfit. Sections 9, 11, 14, 1925.	

OTHER ACTION IN REGARD TO HOUSING—

Total number of houses in district :—3,153.

Number of working-class houses :—2,181.

Unfit Houses.—Any complaints by Local Government Electors under Section 31 of 1890 Act as amended by the 1923 Act or Section 10, 1925? No.

Unfit Houses.—Any complaints by Parish Councils under Section 6 (2) of the Local Government Act, 1894? No.

Any Action under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts, 1899 to 1923? No.

Any scarcity of houses? If so, where? General.

Any overcrowding in houses, and where? General.

Any special activity in house building, and where? No.

Any regulations made in respect of underground sleeping rooms under Section 17 (7) 1909 Act, or under Section 18, 1995 Act? No. Any action thereunder? None.

Total number of houses built in the district under state aided and all conditions in 1925. (a) Working Class Dwellings :—44. (b) Other :—6.

STATE-AIDED HOUSING SCHEMES—

A. *Scheme under 1919 Act.*

Number of houses erected in 1925. (1) By Council :—Nil. (2) By Private Builders' Subsidy :—44.

B. *Scheme under 1923 Act.*

Have Council propounded a scheme under this Act? Yes.

Has a scheme been submitted to the Ministry of Health for their approval? Yes.

Has it been approved? Yes.

If scheme is approved, please enclose particulars of same :—37 Linnepit Lane, 10 Outwood Hall.

Is assistance given to private individuals?

(a) By lump sum. Yes. If so, how much, £75.

Number of houses completed by Local Authority under scheme in 1925 :—Nil.

No. of houses completed by Private Persons under this scheme in 1925 :—44.

C. Scheme under 1924 Act.

No. of houses provisionally approved by Ministry :—37.

No. of houses specifically approved by Ministry :—37.

No. of houses completed under special conditions :—Nil.

Total Number of houses provided under all state aided schemes in 1925. .

TOWN PLANNING—

Have Council joined a Regional Town Planning Committee in 1925? Yes; If so, which? Leeds and Bradford.

Have Council passed a Resolution in 1925 deciding to prepare a Scheme :—Yes. If so, when? Not known.

Any Scheme contemplated :—Yes. If so, for whole or part of district? General.

Has a Scheme been finally approved by the Ministry of Health in 1925? No.

Has a Scheme been submitted to the Ministry of Health in 1925? No.

Has a preliminary statement been prepared and submitted to the Ministry for approval in 1925? No.

J. J. JACKSON,

Medical Officer of Health.

SANITARY REPORT.

GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour of presenting to you a Report of the progress which has been made by this Local Authority during the past five years, as required by the Ministry of Health.

During the years preceding 1920 very little was done, and since that time until now a good many works have had to be left out owing to the high cost, which otherwise would have made considerable difference in the progress of most Local Authorities. However, I propose to give a few details of the work which concerns the Sanitary and Cleansing Departments of the Council. Up to the year 1920 the Sanitary Department had always been combined with the Surveyor's Department, but during that same year it was decided that it should in future be entirely on its own. This was done with good results, housing conditions were improved, and an inspection of the whole of the property in the District was made, entries on housing cards were also made and tabulated.

In the year 1920 the Council decided to purchase Outwood Hall Estate, and there build at least 100 houses, although the number has not yet been reached 60 houses have already been erected. The stables on the estate have been more or less made up to date, and are at present in use.

The next question to be considered was the taking over of the drainage and sewers. This has been put in hand and now all parts of the District are properly drained.

Then came the question, doing one's uttermost to wipe out the filth-breeding receptacles known as wet privy middens, which at that time numbered practically 1,700. The Council decided to allow a proportion out of the Revenue each year for this purpose, but unfortunately the estimates have been cut down and reduced by half, which has somewhat limited the progress. However, during the past five years 290 privies have been converted into water closets, at an average cost of £6 per closet, making a total of £1,740. One is pleased to note the ever-ready willingness of owners to meet these demands at all times.

The next question was to try to abolish as many of the cess-pools as possible, which numbered 60. These have now been reduced to 13, and I express the hope that the Council will continue this work and eventually these will be extinct.

The result of a systematic inspection of the District is a great change in the reporting of nuisances. In 1920 and for many previous years no fewer than 290 complaints have been received. The present average is about 40, the various defects being noticed and then a Notice sent to the owner or person concerned.

During the last five years a large number of duties have been added to all Sanitary Inspectors throughout the country. New Acts have been brought into force which require constant attention, and in large Districts it is very difficult to attend to all these duties. One, in particular, is the Inspection of Meat, and the number of animals slaughtered for human consumption is ever on the increase. You will find in the report that a large number of visits have been paid and various amounts of unsound food have been dealt with.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

H. NUTTALL,

Sanitary Inspector.

Stanley Urban District Council.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Sanitary Inspector and Cleansing Superintendent

(H. Nuttall, C.R.S.I.).

For the Year 1925.

To the Chairman and Members of the Stanley Urban District Council.

GENTLEMEN,

I have pleasure in again submitting to you my Sixth Annual Report upon the work of the Sanitary Department.

VISITS AND INSPECTIONS.

Infectious Diseases	...	...	...	...	74
House to House Inspections	...	...	...	...	184
Works in the course of construction	...	...	...	...	420
Slaughterhouses	...	...	...	...	440
Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops...	...	...	...	...	132
Complaints	...	...	...	...	54
Schools	...	...	...	...	16
Premises for Meat and Food Inspection	...	...	...	...	190
For Scavenging Matters	...	...	...	...	164
Petroleum and Carbine Stores	...	...	...	...	Nil
Foot and Mouth Disease	...	...	...	...	Nil
Bakehouses	...	...	...	...	14
Re-visits	...	...	...	...	7
Miscellaneous	...	...	...	...	134
Picture Houses	...	...	...	...	10
					<u>1,841</u>

OFFICE WORK.

The following details while not showing the whole of this work gives some idea of the clerical work involved in the Department.

Letters sent out	...	...	...	375
Informal Notices—Housing	...	...	...	154
Various	...	...	...	162
Legal Notices—Abatement of Nuisances	...	...	...	4
Insufficient Closet Accommodation (Sec. 36)	...	...	...	12
Conversion of Privies (Sec. 39)	...	...	...	52
Housing Repairs	...	...	...	142
Housing Record Cards entered	...	...	...	70
Certificates granted under Rent Restriction Act	...	...	...	Nil
Miscellaneous Licences	...	...	...	Nil
Total	...	...	...	971
Entries in Official Registers and Records	...	...	...	420

ABATEMENT OF NUISANCES.

Table No. 1 shows the number and kind of nuisances abated during the past 12 months.

Table No. 1.

Number of stopped drains cleared...	...	...	45
Do.- stopped water closets cleared	...	...	30
Do. stopped gullies cleared	...	...	Nil
Do. drains re-laid	...	...	41
Do. new sink pipes inserted	...	...	10
Do. water closets repaired...	...	...	2
Do. eaves repaired	...	...	110
Do. rainfall pipes repaired...	...	...	45
Do. flooded cellars remedied	...	...	5
Do. house roofs repaired	...	...	142
Do. cases of waste water remedied	...	...	3
Do. offensive accumulations removed	...	...	2
Do. inspections chambers inserted	...	...	69
Do. defective ashbins renewed	...	...	32
Do. privy middens abolished	...	...	59
Do. miscellaneous nuisances	...	...	Nil
Total	...	...	539

Table No. 2.

Summary of Improvements to Dwelling Houses under the Housing Act.

(a) Improvements for external dilapidations or to prevent dampness, such as repairs or renewing of gutters, rainwater pipes, walls, provision of open areas, etc.	69
(b) Improvements for internal dilapidations of defects, including repairs and removal of floors, walls, ceiling, windows and provision for food pantries	42
(c) Improved means of ventilation to living rooms and food pantries, such as the insertion of air grates, etc.	10
(d) Improvements to drainage, including drains re-laid, chambers inserted, ventilations provided, etc....	13

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Table No. 3
DETAILS OF THE SANITARY CONVENIENCES IN THE DISTRICT ON 31ST DECEMBER, 1925.

NUMBER AND TYPE OF CLOSETS.		NUMBER AND TYPE OF ASHPITS.					Cesspools emptied by the Sanitary Staff.	Trough Closets Flushed by Sanitary Staff.
Privies to Convert in all Districts.	Water Carriage System.		Total No. of Ashpits. All kinds.	Ashpits connected with Privies.	Dry Ashpits.			
	Fresh Water.	Waste Water or Hand Flushed.			Fixed Ashpits.	Movable Ashbins.		
1,124	1,279	12	1,451	522	130	1,211	13	Nil.

APPENDICES.—HOUSING CONDITIONS STATISTICS.

Year ending 31st December, 1925.

Number of new houses erected during the year :—

(a) Total—50. (b) As part of the Municipal Housing Scheme—

UNFIT DWELLING HOUSES.

1.—Inspection.

(1) Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Act)	238
(2) Number of dwelling houses which were inspected and recorded under the Housing (Inspection District) Regulations, 1910	158
(3) Number of dwelling houses found to be so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	Nil
(4) Number of dwelling houses found to be in all respects reasonably fit for habitation (exclusive of all those referred to under the preceding sub-heading)	30

2. — Remedy of Defects without Service of Formal Notices ... 10

Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers	110
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3.—Action under Statutory Powers.

A. Proceedings under Section 28 of the Housing and Town Planning Act	Nil
(1) Number of houses in respect to which notices were served requiring repairs	12
(2) Number of dwelling houses which were rendered fit—	
(a) By Owners	12
(b) By Local Authority in default of Owners	
(3) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Closing Orders became operative in pursuance of declaration by owners of intention to close	4

B. Proceedings under Public Health Acts.

(1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices served requiring defects to be remedied ...	50
(2) Number of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied—	
(a) By Owners	30
(b) By Local Authority in default of Owners ...	

C. Proceedings under Section 17 and 18 of the Housing and Town Planning Act.

(1) Number of representations made with a view to the making of a Closing Order	4
(2) Number of dwelling houses in respect to which Closing Orders were made	4
(3) Number of dwelling houses in respect to which Closing Orders determined, the dwelling houses having been rendered fit	Nil
(4) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made	4
(5) Number of dwelling houses demolished voluntary after service of Closing Order	Nil

FACORIES AND WORKSHOPS.

Number of Workshops on Register	25
Do. Outworkers on Register	Nil
Do. Notifications received from the M.H. Inspector and dealt with	Nil
Do. Inspections of Registered Factories and Workshops	25
Do. Defaults discovered and dealt with	Nil
Do. Workshops registered during the year	Nil

BAKEHOUSES.

Number of Bakehouses on Register	7
Do. Notifications from the M.H. Inspector and dealt with	Nil
Do. Bakehouses registered during the year	Nil
Do. Defects discovered and dealt with	Nil

SLAUGHTER HOUSES.

Number of Private Slaughterhouses on Register	...	...	11
Do. Registered Slaughterhouses	...	...	11
Do. Licenced Slaughterhouses	...	...	Nil
Do. Inspections of Slaughterhouses	...	...	440
Do. Defects discovered and dealt with	...	...	Nil

FOOD INSPECTIONS.

Number of Inspections of Food Stuffs	...	...	270
Do. Seizures of Unsound Food	...	...	6
Amount of Unsound Beef destroyed	...	...	72 st.
Do. do. Pork do.	...	...	40 st.
Do. do. Mutton do.	...	...	Nil
Do. do. Fish do.	...	...	Nil

CLOSET ACCOMMODATION.

Additional Water Closets to New Property	...	...	50
Conversion of Privies	...	...	52
Conversion of Pail Closets	...	...	Nil
Number of Privies still requiring converting	...	...	1132

SCHOOLS.

Number of Schools in the District	...	...	11
Do. do. with Public Water Supply	...	...	11
Do. do. with Water Closet Accommodation	...	...
Do. Inspections carried on	...	...	11
Do. Defects discovered and dealt with	...	...	Nil

DISINFECTIONS.

Infected rooms disinfected with Formaldehyde	...	...	180
Schools disinfected	...	...	11
Disinfectant is supplied every Tuesday, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.			

OFFENSIVE TRADES.

Number of Offensive Trades on the Register	...	...	1
Do. do. established during the year	...	...	Nil
Do. Inspections to premises	...	...	4
Do. Defaults discovered and dealt with	...	...	Nil

DAIRIES, COWSHEDS AND MILKSHOPS.

Number of Persons in the District registered as Milk Sellers	37
Do. do. do. do. Cowkeepers	26
Do. do. do. do. Purveyors	11
Do. Inspections carried out under Orders	... 132
Do. Defaults discovered and dealt with...	... Nil
Do. Persons registered during the year...	... 3

COMMON LODGING HOUSES.

There are no Common Lodging Houses in the District

TENTS, VANS AND SHEDS.

Number of Inspections carried out	... 9
Do. Nuisances discovered and dealt with	... Nil

CINEMA THEATRES.

Number of Cinema Theatres in the District	... 2
Do. Inspections of the Premises	... 10
Do. Defects discovered and dealt with ..	... Nil

INSPECTIONS AND NUISANCES DEALT WITH.

Total number of Inspections made	... 420
Do. Nuisances ...	... 403
Do. Nuisances abated	... 378
Do. Nuisances in hand at the end of the year	25
Do. Complaints received and dealt with	... 54

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

H. NUTTALL,

Sanitary Inspector.

CLEANSING REPORT.

GENTLEMEN,

I have again the honour of submitting to you a full report of the Cleansing Department for the year ending December 31st, 1925, and five preceding years. One can look back with pleasure on the rapid changes which have taken place in the District during this period. In the early part of this period Contracts were let to the Local Farmers, who were paid well for the work, but treated it as a part time job which could be done at any time and any hour to suit their own convenience. Instead of the whole of the Ashpits in the Districts being emptied, sometimes an odd load would be taken out here and there. In some instances one load would be taken out of an Ashpit which holds about five loads, the remainder would be left weeks and consequently complaints would be received. However, in order to try and prevent the constant stream of complaints the Council decided to employ their own men, and purchased Horses and Carts to carry out Scavenging duties themselves. With six Horses and Carts and twelve Men this work was carried on in a more satisfactory way, the District being cut up into Sections, and each set knowing its own Section. At various times difficulties arose in finding tips for the refuse as most of the Farmers refused to have Dry Refuse tipped on their land, with the result that Motor Transport was introduced for long distance journeys. In 1921 a Ford Tonner was delivered and so successful was the experiment that the whole of the District is now cleansd regularly by three Motors, one Horse and Cart and eleven Men. The average number of loads collected by each Motor per day is eight, and the cost is satisfactory. The cost of collection is practically as the previous year, and works out as under:—

					£	s.	d.
The cost per Load	...	...	...	...	0	4	3½
Do. Ton...	...	...	...	...	0	4	7
Do. Head of Population	...	...	...	...	0	2	4
Do. House for 12 months' collection	...	...	...	...	0	12	6

Again I would draw your attention to the suggestion of issuing Leaflets to the public, bringing to their notice suggestions which would reduce the cost of collecting Refuse and thereby be the means of reducing the rates.

During the year several complaints have been received in regard to tip fires, and as I have suggested before, the best means of preventing these is to provide Central Depôt and Salvage Plant where all Dry Refuse could be taken, and such things as Bottles, Tins, Bones and Paper could be satisfactorily dealt with, and sold. The residue of Ashes could be screened and sold for small Coke, and the

remainder could be tipped into the Pugmill and made into ground mortar for which a ready sale would be found. By this method many nuisances which at present arise from the tipping of Refuse on the land would be done away with.

The undermentioned are the separate costings of each Lorry and also of the Horse and Cart, and I trust that the information given will give you some idea of the amount of work that is attached to a Cleansing Department.

No. 1 MOTOR.

	£	s.	d.
Cost of Petrol	31	12	6
Do. Oil	5	1	3
Do. Repairs and Renewals	53	10	0
Do. Licences	23	0	0
Do. Insurance	7	0	0
	<u>£120</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>9</u>

Approximate No. of Miles travelled, 5,627.

Do. Cost per Mile, including above	0	5	$\frac{1}{2}$
Do. do. Load, do.	1	3	
Do. do. do. do. Wages	3	1	$\frac{1}{2}$
Do. do. do. do. All	4	1	$\frac{1}{2}$
Do. No. of Miles per Gallon of Petrol	11	5	
Do. do. do. do. Oil	208	4	
Do. do. Loads of Refuse	1,052		
Do. do. do. Nightsoil... ..	860		

Total No. of Loads ... 1,912

No. of Days lost through Sickness ...	23
Do. do. Holidays ...	12
	<u>35</u>

No. 2 MOTOR.

	£	s.	d.
Cost of Petrol	25	2	6
Do. Oil	4	15	0
Do. Repairs and Renewals	23	8	4
Do. Licence	23	0	0
Do. Insurance	8	0	0
	<u>£84</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>10</u>

Approximate No. of Miles travelled, 6,877.

Do.	Cost per Mile, including above	...	...	0	2 $\frac{3}{4}$
Do.	do. Load do.	...	...	0	9 $\frac{1}{4}$
Do.	do. do. do. Wages	...	...	3	10 $\frac{3}{4}$
Do.	do. do. do. All	...	...	4	8
Do.	No. of Miles per Gallon of Petrol	...	...	17	1
Do.	do. do. do. Oil	...	...	229	2
Do.	do. Loads of Nightsoil ...	...	...	1,257	
Do.	do. do. Refuse ...	...	...	968	
Total				...	2,225

No of Days lost through Sickness	...	21
Do. do Holidays	...	12
		<u>33</u>

No. 3 MOTOR.

	£	s.	d.
Cost of Petrol ...	30	10	7
Do. Oil ...	4	17	10
Do. Repairs and Renewals ...	9	19	9
Do. Licence ...	14	0	0
Do. Insurance ...	20	0	0
<u>£69 8 2</u>			

Approximate No. of Miles, travelled 8,735.

Do.	Cost per Mile, including above	...	...	0	1 $\frac{3}{4}$
Do.	do. Load, do.	...	...	0	7 $\frac{1}{2}$
Do.	do. do. do. Wages	...	...	4	0
Do.	do. do. do. All	...	...	4	7 $\frac{1}{2}$
Do.	No. of Miles per Gallon of Petrol	...	...	20	2
Do.	do. do. do. Oil	...	...	349	4
Do.	do. Loads, 2,229.				

No. of Days lost through Sickness	...	0
Do. do. Holidays	...	12

HORSE AND CART.

	£	s.	d.
Approximate Cost per Load, including Wages	0	2	9
Do. do. do. do. Horsekeeping	0	0	3 $\frac{3}{4}$
Do. do. do. do. Both ...	0	3	0 $\frac{3}{4}$
Do. No. of Loads carted, 1,796.			

No. of Days taken in emptying Cesspools, 33.

Approximate Cost of emptying one Cesspool, 6/9.

No. of Days lost through Sickness	...	0
Do. do. Holidays	...	12

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

H. NUTTALL,

Cleansing Department.

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